

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A thigh-slimming device for use with pair of pants, said thigh-slimming device comprising:

5 a generally U-shaped support member,

wherein said generally U-shaped support member is carried by the pair of pants proximate to crotch and upper, inner-leg region thereof.

10 2. A shape-enhancing garment comprising:

legwear having an inner-leg region; and

a shape-enhancing insert carried proximate to said inner-leg region of said legwear,

wherein said shape-enhancing insert generally restrains at  
15 least a portion of the inner-thigh of the wearer of said shape-enhancing garment.

3. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said shape-enhancing insert is substantially concealed from view.

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4. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said legwear is a pair of trousers.

5. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said legwear is a pair of jeans.

6. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said legwear at least partially extends past the inner-thigh region of the wearer.

7. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said shape-enhancing insert is plastic.

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8. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said inner-leg region of said shape-enhancing insert is proximate to the crotch and inner-thigh regions of the wearer of said shape-enhancing garment.

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9. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said shape-enhancing insert is generally U-shaped.

10. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 9, wherein said shape-enhancing insert comprises a first generally elongated arm, a second generally elongated arm, and a base, and wherein said first generally elongated arm and said second generally elongated arm extend from said base.

11. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said shape-enhancing insert is defined by a frame.

5 12. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 11, wherein said frame is formed from wire.

13. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 12, wherein said wire carries a coating.

10 14. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 11, wherein said frame carries fabric.

15 15. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 14, wherein said fabric is affixed to said inner-leg region of said legwear.

16. The shape-enhancing garment of Claim 2, wherein said shape-enhancing insert is carried between a liner and a material of said legwear.

20 17. The thigh-slimming device of Claim 1, wherein said generally U-shaped support member comprises means for removable attachment to the pair of pants.

18. The thigh-slimming device of Claim 17, wherein said means for removable attachment to the pair of pants is hook-and-loop fastener.

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19. The thigh-slimming device of Claim 17, wherein said means for removable attachment to a pair of pants is at least one snap.

10 20. A method of maximizing the space between the inner-thighs of an individual via a shape-enhancing garment, said method comprising the steps of:

a. obtaining a garment having a functional inner-thigh support member provided therewith;

15 b. putting on said shape-enhancing garment; and

c. allowing said functional inner-thigh support member of said shape-enhancing garment to manipulate the dimensions of at least a portion of the inner-thighs of the individual via at least minimally restrictive pressure.

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21. The method of Claim 20, further comprising the step of:

d. removing said shape-enhancing garment, wherein said functional inner-thigh support member remains substantially

concealed within the construct of said shape-enhancing garment.